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the following shipments passed through the Frankfurt/Oder border station,  
25X1 in the directions indicated, between 23 July and 12 August 1953.

25X1B - boxcar  
E - express train  
F - flatcar  
F/S - flatcar with ~~end~~ cracks  
G - gondola car  
R - refrigerator  
SS - heavy-duty flatcar  
T - tank car

Date	Number	Load	Date	Number	Load
in	and Type		in	and Type	
July	of Cars		July	of Cars	

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23	15 F/S	undetermined	23	46 B	grain
	10 F	iron, sheet metal		25 B	cucumbers
	18 F	undetermined			
	42 B	grain		12 B	potatoes
	12 G	lumber		42 B	empty
	32 B	cucumbers		46 G	ore
	15 G	undetermined		42 B	undetermined
	32 F/S and F	ore		12 G	lumber
	30 G	coal		25 B	cucumbers
	8 G			5 B	vegetables
	13 F	ore		3 B	horses
	17 B	empty			

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32 B undetermined

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Date in July	Number of Cars	Load	Date in July	Number of Cars	Load
24	32 T	empty	24	25 F/S	empty
25	R	butter		5 B	vegetables
25	R	undetermined		15 G	coal
25	F	"		42 G	ore
5	SS	"		38 C	undetermined
17	F/S	iron, sheet metal		19 F	combines
30	T	empty		23 B	cucumbers
17	C	empty		17 E	empty
25	13 F/S	undetermined	25	38 G	ore
20	F	ore		3 F/S	empty
18	G	undetermined		41 E	grain
15	B	empty		22 B	undetermined
2	B	vegetables		42 E	empty
25	R	butter		26 F/S	ore
41	E	grain		17 G	lumber, 1 meter long
20	G	empty			
32	E	cucumbers			
26	31 T	empty	26	12 F/S	iron
48	B	grain		32 R	undetermined
17	G	empty		12 T	"
17	C	undetermined		5 F	iron
17	F/S	iron		15 F	pig iron
38	R/C	undetermined		17R	undetermined
44	D	grain		13 T	"
13	C	coal		42 B	empty
5	SS	undetermined		27 E	"
20	F/S	iron		2 B	vegetables
17	G	undetermined		12 F/S	ore
7	E	potatoes		21 F	undetermined
17	R	undetermined			

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Date	Number	Load	Date	Number	Load
in July	and Type of Cars		in July	and Type of Cars	
27	43 B	grain	27	12 S/S	undetermined
	42 B	undetermined		13 F/S	iron
	6 B	horses		6 G	undetermined
	2 G	undetermined		10 G	
	15 F/S	empty		8 G	undetermined
	41 B	empty		35 F/S	ore
	17 E	undetermined		28 G	undetermined
	12 F	undetermined		6 F/S	ore
	7 F	iron		25 B	empty
	21 F/S	iron		21 F/S	iron
	13 S/S	iron tubes		48 B	undetermined
	2 F/S	undetermined		13 S/S	"
	39 R	undetermined		22 B	grain
	25 B	cucumbers		19 S/S	combines
	17 B	undetermined		6 F/S	undetermined
	46 B	grain		12 G	empty
28	25 G	undetermined	28	41 G	ore
	17 F/S	ore		17 F/S	iron
	6 F	undetermined		25 F	undetermined
	41 B	empty		27 F/S	undetermined
	42 R	fat		13 G	iron
	15 B	undetermined		8 F	undetermined
	17 F/S	empty		37 B	cucumbers and
	2 F	undetermined			vegetables
	13 F	combines		18 F/S	iron
				7 F	undetermined
29	36 T	empty	29	25 F	undetermined
	8 G	undetermined		12 F/S	iron
	47 B	undetermined		8 F	undetermined
	12 B	cucumbers and		25 G	undetermined
		vegetables		12 F/S	ore
	13 F/S	empty		12 F	undetermined
	12 S	undetermined		41 G	ore
	21 R	undetermined		17 F/S	iron
	44 B	undetermined		9 F	undetermined
	15 F/S	pig iron		28 G	coal
	11 F/S	ore		32 T	empty
				37 B	empty

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Date in July	Number and Type of Cars	Load	Date in July	Number and Type of Cars	Load
29	17 F/S 4 B	iron horses	29	25 G 12 F/S 6 F	undetermined ore undetermined
	25 B	cucumbers and vegetables		47 B	undetermined
30	32 R 28 F/S 5 F 19 F/S 17 G 25 F/S 17 F 46 B 15 T 12 F/S 6 SS 25 F 17 F/S 37 B	butter iron undetermined ore lumber undetermined ore undetermined empty undetermined undetermined iron undetermined potatoes and vegetables	30	17 R 32 G 25 B 41 G 3 G 15 F/S 21 F 9 G 6 F 25 G 8 G 12 F/S 11 G	undetermined coal vegetables ore ore undetermined ore undetermined pig iron undetermined ore undetermined lumber
31	43 B 28 R 12 B 28 B 13 B 7 F 15 F/S 35 B 12 G 43 B 37 B 3 F	undetermined undetermined " vegetables undetermined empty undetermined potatoes and vegetables lumber undetermined vegetables and potatoes combines	31	17 G 24 G 7 F 17 G 23 G 13 F/S 6 F 23 F/S 15 F 7 F 15 G 13 F 22 F/S	undetermined ore undetermined lumber coal iron undetermined undetermined iron undetermined lumber iron undetermined

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load	Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load
1	48 B	undetermined	1	6 F 20 F/S 30 G	undetermined iron undetermined
	42 G	ore		38 R 15 F 18 F/S	undetermined iron undetermined
	28 P/S 24 F	pig iron undetermined		47 B	undetermined
	48 B	grain		8 G	lumber
	15 B 31 F/S	ore undetermined		15 G 13 F/S	coal undetermined
	22 B	vegetables		12 R 31 B	undetermined "
	47 B	undetermined			
	12 G	pig iron			
2	38 T	empty	2	15 F/S	pig iron
	24 R	undetermined		15 F/S	pig iron
	51 B	undetermined		46 B	undetermined
	8 F 30 F/S 6 G	undetermined iron undetermined		46 G 28 F/S 43 F	ore ore undetermined
	47 B	grain		12 B	vegetables
	8 G	lumber		4 B	iron
	32 R	undetermined		36 T	empty
	12 F	grain		13 F 15 F 6 F/S	undetermined iron undetermined
3	48 B	empty	3	11 F 26 F/S	iron undetermined
	47 B	grain		12 B	vegetables
	37 R	undetermined		8 G	coal
	17 F/S 25 F	ore undetermined		3 B	horses
	3 SS	empty		6 B	vegetables
	43 B	grain		25 F 16 F/S 5 G	undetermined iron undetermined
	47 B	undetermined		42 R	undetermined
	9 F 25 F/S 4 F	undetermined iron undetermined		15 F/S 18 G 6 F	undetermined ore undetermined

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Lead	Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Lead
4	8 SS 15 F/S 7 F	undetermined iron undetermined	4	16 F/S 32 F/S	pig iron empty
	42 G	ore		5 B 28 R	undetermined "
	43 B	grain		43 B	undetermined
	1 F 30 F/S 11 F	undetermined iron undetermined		7 F 16 F/S 20 F	undetermined iron undetermined
	18 G 20 F/S 5 F	undetermined ore undetermined		47 B	undetermined
	54 P	empty		12 P	vegetables
	53 B	grain		18 R 33 B	undetermined "
				20 G 18 F/S 5 F	undetermined coal undetermined
5	32 R	undetermined	5	5 F 3 SS 28 F/S	undetermined iron undetermined
	42 G	ore		5 R 12 F/S	vegetables
	58 B	empty		12 F/S	empty
	12 G	pig iron		33 T	empty
	43 B	grain		15 F/S 29 F	ore undetermined
	25 R	undetermined		15 B	empty
	46 B	grain		13 F 24 F/S	iron undetermined
	18 F/S 20 F	undetermined iron		20 F 18 F/S	undetermined iron
	23 B	vegetables		11 G	undetermined
	4 F/S	iron			
6	33 F/S 4 SS 12 F	iron undetermined "	6	15 G 8 G 21 P	ore undetermined "
	44 B	undetermined		24 F/S 23 F	iron undetermined
	3 R	vegetables		43 B	undetermined
	31 T	undetermined		3 F	combines
	32 F/S 5 F	iron undetermined		43 G	ore
	23 B	vegetables		7 SS	empty

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load	Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load
6	8 F	combines	6	22 F 6 F/S	iron undetermined
	46 B	undetermined		32 B	vegetables
	15 F/S 32 F	ore undetermined			
7	52 B	undetermined	7	43 B	grain
	7 F 22 F 15 F/S	iron undetermined "		45 F/S	grain
	43 B	undetermined		12 B	vegetables
	46 R	undetermined		47 B	grain
	4 B	vegetables		8 F 35 F/S	iron undetermined
	43 G	ore		23 F	empty
	15 F/S 22 F 6 G	iron undetermined "		48 B	grain
				21 B	vegetables
				6 G	lumber
8	15 F/S 24 F 5 G	ore undetermined "	8	18 G	coal
	42 B	grain		35 F/S	iron
	13 F	empty		8 B	vegetables
	15 G	empty		31 R	undetermined
	12 F	ore		36 T	empty
	13 SS 20 F/S	iron undetermined		52 B	empty
	12 F	empty		11 B	vegetables
	48 B	grain		8 C	lumber
	24 F 25 F/S	ore undetermined		13 F/S 28 F 12 F	iron undetermined "
	5 F 23 F/S 22 F	iron undetermined "		4 B	vegetables
	46 R	undetermined		21 F	empty
9	13 F/S 30 F 2 G	iron undetermined "	9	22 F 15 F/S 17 F	iron undetermined "
	46 B	grain		42 B	undetermined
	48 G	ore		15 B	vegetables
	12 F/S	empty			

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load	Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load
9	22 F 31 F/S	iron undetermined	9	18 G 20 F/S 15 F	pig iron undetermined "
	42 B	undetermined		15 G	coal
	30 F/S	pig iron		32 F/S	ore
	4 B	empty		19 G	undetermined
	6 B	vegetables		15 B	sugar
				47 B	grain
10	48 B	grain	10	47 B	grain
	9 F 23 F/S 12 F	iron undetermined "		31 F/S 15 F	ore undetermined
	51 B	undetermined		5 B	vegetables
	9 B	sugar		42 G	ore
	8 F/S	iron		32 T	empty
	48 B	undetermined		12 G	ore
	32 R	undetermined		21 F	empty
	5 B	vegetables		3 G	lumber
	38 B	grain			
11	13 F/S 15 F 21 G	ore undetermined "	11	27 F 12 F/S	iron undetermined
	48 B	grain		49 B	undetermined
	42 G	ore		46 B	undetermined
	5 B	vegetables		15 F	empty
	21 B	vegetables		12 G	ore
	13 F/S 20 F 17 F	iron undetermined "		32 T	empty
	15 B	empty		30 R	undetermined
	5 B	sugar		3 G	lumber
	18 F/S	empty		47 B	empty

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load	Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load
12	47 B	grain	12	8 F	iron
	46 B	undetermined		27 F/S	undetermined
	32 G	ore		2 F	"
	9 B	sugar		5 B	vegetables
	5 SS 27 F 11 F/S	iron undetermined "		48 B	grain
				41 R	undetermined
				8 F	iron
				31 F	undetermined
				5 F/S	"
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Date in July	Number and Type of Cars	Load	Date in July	Number and Type of Cars	Load
23	38 B	potash	23	42 G	empty
	17 F 22 F/S	machinery undetermined		47 B	capital goods
	40 B	uranium ore		42 G	empty
	8 F 25 F/S 12 F	machinery undetermined "		42 B	undetermined
	37 B	empty		50 B	empty
	45 B	uranium ore		32 F/S 17 F 32 R	machinery undetermined "
	4 F/S	wheel sets			
24	17 B	undetermined	24	27 F/S and F	machinery
	46 B	capital goods		42 B	potash
	45 B	uranium ore		30 G	empty
	4 F/S	wheel sets		42 G	empty
	28 B 32 G	undetermined empty		43 B	capital goods
	6 B	undetermined		17 F/S	machinery
	6 G 17 F/S 25 F	undetermined machinery undetermined		17 F/S 2 G 6 F	machinery undetermined "
	46 B	undetermined		48 G	empty
	38 T	undetermined		3 G	empty
	35 F/S	machinery		12 F 6 G	undetermined "
	12 SS 13 F	machinery undetermined		52 B	empty

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Date in July	Number and Type of Cars	Load	Date in July	Number and Type of Cars	Load
24	46 B	uranium ore	24	32R	(reparations delivery)
	6 F/S	wheel sets		35 F	undetermined
	17 F	machinery		15 F	"
25	25 B	empty	25	32 G	"
	43 B	uranium ore		52 G	empty
	49 B	undetermined		24 F/S	machinery
	24 F	"			
26	17 G	empty	26	22 B	empty
	45 T	undetermined		45 B	uranium ore
	12 F	machinery		35 F/S	machinery
	6 F	"		12 SS	"
	32 T	undetermined		43 B	undetermined
	12 F	empty		8 G	empty
	15 F	machinery		20 F	machinery
	48 B	potash		42 G	empty
	32 F/S	machinery		46 B	capital goods
	47 B	undetermined		13 F	machinery
	15 F	machinery		28 F/S	undetermined
	12 F	undetermined			
27	6 F/S	wheel sets	27	32 R	(reparations delivery)
	45 B	uranium ore		25 F/S	
	47 B	undetermined		17 F	machinery undetermined
	48 F/S	"			
	12 G	machinery		17 F	machinery
	46 B	undetermined		6 F	"
	52 G	empty		47 B	uranium ore
	29 F/S	undetermined		15 F	
	15 F/S	machinery		2 F	machinery undetermined
	4 G	undetermined		12 SS	"
28	43 B	undetermined		27 B	empty
	30 G	reparations delivery	28	56 G	empty
	38 T	undetermined		4 F/S	wheel sets
	48 B	"		3 G	empty

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Date in July	Number and Type of Cars	Load	Date in July	Number and Type of Cars	Load
28	45 B	uranium ore	28	42 B	potash
	35 F/S 12 F	machinery undetermined		50 G	empty
	51 B	empty		42 F/S	machinery
	6 F/S	wheel sets		32 R	reparations delivery
	25 B	undetermined		50 B	undetermined
				21 G	empty
29	50 B	uranium ore	29	20 F/S 18 F 15 F	machinery undetermined "
	48 B	undetermined		47 B	uranium ore
	49 G	empty		42 F	machinery
	48 B	undetermined		49 G	empty
	43 F	machinery		52 B	undetermined
30	24 B	empty	30	51 F	machinery
	49 B	undetermined		18 G	empty
	54 G	empty		49 F/S	machinery
	47 B	undetermined		45 B	uranium ore
	51 G	empty		45 R	undetermined
	25 G	empty		13 B	empty
	19 F	machinery		17 F/S	machinery
	79 B	undetermined		12 F	"
	28 F	machinery		20 F/S	"
31	12 F	machinery	31	33 F/S	machinery
	6 F	wheel sets		32 R	reparations delivery
	4 F/S	"		30 E	"
	76 B	uranium ore		51 B	undetermined
	20 F	machinery		27 F/S	machinery
	12 G	empty		15 B	empty
	16 G	empty		32 T	undetermined
	43 B	empty		53 F	machinery

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load	Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load
1	6 F	wheel sets	1	32 R	reparations delivery
	11 SS	machinery		35 F	machinery
	45 B	undetermined		54 G	empty
	37 F	machinery		42 R	undetermined
	48 B	undetermined		42 B	"
	51 B	"			
2	43 B	undetermined	2	51 G	empty
	15 F	machinery		6 SS	machinery
	26 F/S	undetermined		15 F/S	undetermined
	32 F/S	machinery		15 F	machinery
	15 F	undetermined		21 F/S	undetermined
	47 B	undetermined		11 F	"
	43 B	uranium ore		51 G	empty
	47 B	empty		45 B	undetermined
	25 F/S	machinery		12 G	empty
	22 F	undetermined		32 T	undetermined
3	15 B	undetermined	3	17 F/S	machinery
	51 B	"		8 SS	undetermined
	15 F/S	machinery		47 B	"
	17 F	undetermined		32 E	reparations delivery
	51 B	undetermined		18 F/S	machinery
	6 F/S	wheel sets		43 B	undetermined
	23 F	machinery		48 G	empty
	4 G	undetermined		15 F/S	machinery
	3 R	pineapples		20 F	undetermined
	47 B	undetermined			
4	32 B	empty	4	13 F/S	machinery
	12 G	undetermined		30 F	undetermined
	46 B	uranium ore		45 B	empty
	32 R	reparations delivery		4 F/S	wheel sets
	8 SS	machinery		15 F/S	machinery
	53 G	empty		46 B	uranium ore
	47 B	undetermined		32 F	machinery
	15 F/S	empty		51 B	undetermined
	54 B	empty		15 F	machinery
	32 F/S	undetermined			

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load	Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load
4	7 SS 76 B	machinery undetermined	4	22 F 8 F/S	machinery undetermined
5	25 B 17 G 47 B 12 G 32 F/S 15 F 6 F/S 48 B 22 F 32 F/S 18 F	empty undetermined undetermined empty machinery undetermined wheel sets undetermined machinery machinery undetermined	5	22 F 20 F/S 7 SS 22 F 42 B 32 T 20 E 52 G 20 F/S 46 G	machinery undetermined machinery undetermined undetermined " reparations delivery empty machinery empty
6	15 G 4 F/S 51 B 35 T 47 B 22 E 53 B 18 G	empty wheel sets undetermined " " reparations delivery undetermined empty	6	37 B 32 R 46 B 12 G 13 SS 15 F/S 20 F 6 F/S 25 B	empty reparations delivery uranium ore undetermined machinery undetermined wheel sets empty
7	5 SS 51 B 46 B 22 B 22 R 6 F/S	machinery empty uranium ore empty reparations delivery wheel sets	7	22 F/S 22 F 30 F 46 B 48 B 13 F/S	machinery undetermined machinery undetermined " machinery
8	51 G 3 G 4 F/S 40 F 21 F	empty empty wheel sets machinery "	8	31 T 22 E 42 F 48 B	undetermined reparations delivery machinery undetermined

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load	Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load
8	43 G	empty	8	25 B	empty
	25 B	empty		47 B	undetermined
	43 B	undetermined		8 F	machinery
	28 F/S 15 F	machinery undetermined		51 G	empty
	45 B	undetermined		13 F/S 25 F	machinery undetermined
9	6 F/S	machinery parts	9	16 B	empty
	48 B	undetermined		22 G	empty
	18 SS 5 F/S	machinery undetermined		21 F 26 F/S 12 F	machinery undetermined "
	6 F 15 F/S 22 F	machinery undetermined "		47 B	uranium ore
	16 F/S 4 F	machinery undetermined		15 B	empty
	43 G	empty		43 B	empty
	42 R	undetermined		52 F	machinery
				47 G	empty
10	50 F	machinery	10	12 SS 4 F/S	machinery undetermined
	48 B	undetermined		24 G	empty
	12 T	"		43 G	empty
	23 F 19 F/S	machinery undetermined		26 R	reparations delivery
	4 F/S	wheel sets		45 B	undetermined
11	31 F 17 F/S 6 F	machinery undetermined "	11	20 F/S 22 F	machinery undetermined
	18 G	empty		22 T	undetermined
	41 B	uranium ore		16 E	reparations delivery
	6 F	wheel sets		43 G	empty
	47 B 5 F	undetermined "		18 F/S 34 F	machinery undetermined

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load	Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load
12	25 B	empty	12	18 G	empty
	5 F/S	machinery		42 F	machinery
	47 B	uranium ore		46 B	undetermined

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Comment. This type of information on rail freight traffic through Frankfurt/Oder was received for the first time. The volume of traffic reported was at the previously observed level. It is noteworthy that no military shipments are recorded in the present report although previous information indicated that such shipments passed through Frankfurt/Oder during the reported period. It is possible, however, that cars reported with undetermined load actually carried military goods. The identification of shipments has become more complex.

25X1 Some of the shipments are commented on as follows: The grain shipments were grain imports from the USSR which totaled 6,000 carloads in July 1953. Most of the ore shipments were probably consigned to the Foundry Combine East near Fuerstenberg/Oder. The refrigerator car shipments were connected with the Soviet food relief program which has been under way since 1 July 1953. A total of 1,256 loaded refrigerator cars entered East Germany in July. The shipments are alternately consigned to Berlin, Leipzig and Dresden.

25X1A . The empty tank cars were returned after having carried deliveries by East Germany hydrogenation plants to the USSR. The loaded tank cars possibly carried vegetables oil in connection with the food relief program mentioned. A total of 10,000 tons of vegetable oil were scheduled to be imported to East Germany from the USSR in July.

Comment. Twenty-one trains with uranium ore to the USSR were recorded in the present report. This figure appears very high for a period of 21 days as, according to previous observations, a monthly average of 12 to 16 trains is considered normal. It is possible that the load of some of the trains was misidentified. The new express train coaches and refrigerator cars were deliveries by East German railroad car factories to the USSR. The wheel sets were probably Soviet-gauge and were to be used on the new cars in the USSR.

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